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Application No.: 10/699454

Case No.: 59056US002

REMARKS

Claims 1-90 are pending. Claims 1-12, 15-54, 56-71 and 74-90 are herein canceled without prejudice to their later prosecution in an application claiming priority hereto. Claims 13, 14, 55, 72 and 73 are currently amended. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

§ 102/103 Rejections

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 11, 15-17, 44-47, 49-50, 53, 56-57, 60-61, 71, 74 and 76-77 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b). Claims 4, 7-10, 12, 18-23, 48, 51-52, 54, 58-59, 62-63 and 75 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a). Claims 1-12, 15-54, 56-71 and 74-90 are canceled herein without prejudice to their later prosecution in an application claiming priority hereto.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 13, 14, 55, 72 and 73 are acknowledged as containing allowable subject matter. Claims 13, 14, 55, 72 and 73 are amended herein so as to place them in independent form.

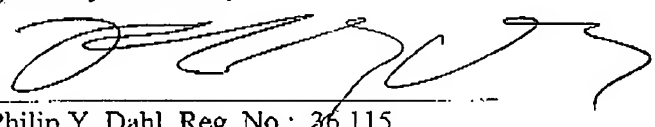
In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Examination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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